

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-11 were pending in the application and were rejected in the Office Action.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claim 4 is acknowledged with appreciation. Claims 5 and 6 depended from claim 4 and are presumed to contain allowable subject matter.

In the foregoing amendment, Claims 1, 2, and 7 are canceled. Claims 3-6, 8, 9, and 11 are amended. New claims 12-23 are added. Accordingly, claims 3-6 and 8-23 are respectfully submitted for further consideration.

Objections

The Examiner objected to the specification and claims 2 and 11. Claim 2 has been canceled and amendments to the specification and claim 11 have been made where appropriate. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Rejections of Claims 3-7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

Claims 3-7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2. Amendments have been made where appropriate. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1-3 and 5-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-3 and 5-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0158451 ("Nusshor"). For the following three reasons, this rejection is now moot.

First, claims 1, 2, and 7 have been canceled. Second, claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 4, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter. Third, claims 3 and 8-11 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 4.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims 12-23

New claim 12, which is directed to an airbag, recites substantially same limitations as the passenger safety device recited in claim 4, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter. Accordingly, new claim 12 should be allowable for at least the

same reasons as claim 4. Moreover, as new claims 13-19 depend from claim 12, each of these dependent claims should also be allowable, without regard to the other patentable limitations recited therein.

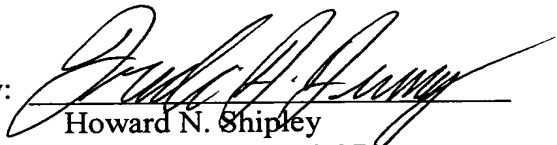
New claim 20, which is directed to an airbag, is similar to the passenger safety device originally recited in claim 7, which the Examiner rejected. However, new claim 20 additionally recites that the "airbag roll forms an outer airbag roll that contains the accordion folded portion." Clearly, as shown in Figure 1 of Nussdor, Nussdor's accordion portion 24 is not provided in an "outer airbag roll." Accordingly, new claim 20 should be allowable for at least this reason. Moreover, as new claims 21-23 depend from claim 20, each of these dependent claims should also be allowable, without regard to the other patentable limitations recited therein.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would expedite allowance of the application.

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